Sri Mari Amma Temple, Urwa, Mangalore, Karnataka

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The Sri Mari Amma Temple (also known as Urwa Shri Mariyamma Temple, Urwa Marigudi, or Urwa Mariyamma Temple) is an ancient Shakti shrine located in the Urwa suburb (Boloor area) of Mangaluru (Mangalore) city, Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka. It is a prominent village deity temple revered by the local community.

Address: Urwa Marigudi Road, Boloor, Urwa, Mangaluru, Karnataka - 575006.

Phone Number: 0824-2456662.

Website: urwamariyammatemple.com (for updates on festivals and sevas).

How to Get There

By Road: Centrally located in Mangaluru, about 5 km from Hampankatta bus stand and 4-5 km from Mangaladevi Temple. Frequent city buses, autos, and taxis available. From Mangalore Central Railway Station (about 4.5 km) or Mangalore Junction (similar distance).

By Train: Mangalore Central or Junction stations (4-5 km); autos/taxis take 15-20 minutes.

By Air: Mangalore International Airport (IXE) – 15 km (30-45 minutes by cab).

Best Time: Throughout the year; peak during festivals (February-March for Mari Pooja).

Greatness of This Temple, History and Legends

Sri Mari Amma Temple is one of Mangaluru's most ancient and powerful temples, dating back approximately 800 years. Built by the Mogaveera (traditional fishing) community, it is dedicated to Goddess Mariyamma (a form of Durga/Parvati), revered as the goddess of wealth, protection, and wish-fulfillment. The temple influences five neighboring villages and

is famous for miracles, attracting devotees from across Karnataka and beyond, including celebrities.

Legends:

The Goddess appeared in the dream of a Mogaveera community member, requesting a residing place, leading to the temple's construction.

Mariyamma is believed to be the sister of Mangaladevi (after whom Mangaluru is named).

Unique thanksgiving tradition: Mogaveera devotees offer gold ornaments shaped like various fish species, adorning the Goddess.

The temple symbolizes community devotion and divine maternal protection.

Architecture

The temple features traditional Tulu Nadu style with a simple yet grand structure, renovated over time. It includes a spacious courtyard, intricate decorations during festivals (Goddess adorned with kilograms of gold), and a serene ambiance in the heart of the city.

Main Deity Here and Subdeities

Main Deity: Goddess Sri Mariyamma (Mari Amma) – fierce yet compassionate form of Shakti, depicted powerfully and adorned richly during festivals.

Subdeities: Minor shrines for associated village deities and parivara devatas.

Daily Poojas and Rituals and Their Charges

Timings: 6:30 AM – 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM (approximate).

Daily rituals include nitya pooja, abhisheka, archana, and naivedya. Free general darshan;

nominal charges for personal archana/abhisheka (Rs. 20–100; confirm at counter).

Special Poojas, Sevas and Their Charges

Popular sevas:

Madastana, Kanchi Harake (for children), Darshana Bali.

Annasantharpana (free meals on Tuesdays & Fridays).

Charges nominal/variable (Rs. 100–1,000+ for special rituals; advance booking recommended via phone or website).

Festivals

Annual Mari Pooja (Maari Puja): Main festival in February/March (Kumba month Shukla Paksha) – week-long preparations, grand decorations with gold, special poojas for 3 days, cultural displays; lakhs of devotees attend.

Dasara: Vibrant celebrations.

Chandika Yaga & Vishesha Hoovina Pooje: January.

Rashipooje: April.

Facilities for Devotees Such as Accommodation etc.

Parking, prasadam counters, and annasantharpana (free/simple meals on select days).

New community hall (Shri Mariamma Samudaya Bhavan) under construction for events.

No dedicated temple accommodation; use city hotels/lodges in Urwa or central Mangaluru.

Donation Info, Bank Acct Numbers etc.

Donations via hundi or temple office support maintenance, festivals, and community hall construction.
Contact temple (phone/website) for bank details and tax-exempt contributions.

Nearby Temples

- Sri Mangaladevi Temple (5 km – sister deity).
- Kadri Manjunatha Temple (nearby).
- Kudroli Gokarnanatheshwara Temple (few km).
- Venkararamana Temple, Car Street.

Nearby Places of Tourist Interest

- Tannirbhavi Beach (10 km).
- Panambur Beach (10 km).
- Sultan Battery (historical watchtower).
- Urwa Market & Ladyhill (local vibe).

Nearby Budget Hotels

- Urwa/Mangaluru central has many options (Rs. 1,000–3,000/night):
- Hotel Durga Prasad (near Urwa Market).
- Budget lodges in Ashok Nagar/Ladyhill.
- Mid-range like Hotel Surya or chain hotels in city center.

Any Other Info

Powerful for wish-fulfillment and protection; many testimonials of blessings.

Dress code: Traditional attire.

Managed with community involvement;

Brahma Kalashotsava periodically performed.

As of December 27, 2025, normal operations; check website for festival updates.

🙏 Jai Mari Amma! May the Divine Mother bless you with wealth, health, and all desires fulfilled.

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Photos

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Urwa Sri Mariyamma Temple - Kannada (6 min):

https://youtu.be/lSxaVmHuzgE?si=t92yYM5tvkBR-9WH

Urwa Sri Mariyamma Temple (0.3 min):

https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1C4Rc4cMQR/

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